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Proselyting the Colored Vote.

In another column of this issue is published some very interesting correspondence between two colored citizens of West Virginia, one of whom stands by the party that freed his race from bondage and gave to him all the privileges he now enjoys; and another who is a proselyte to the Bryanized Democracy through influences not hard to imagine.

One John S. Lewis, a colored lawyer, who was a Republican two years ago, and who is originally from South Carolina, writes on the letter head of the Hon. David E. Johnston, the Democratic candidate for Congress in the Third district, to another colored citizen residing in Weston, by the name of Melvin Costen, declaring that he is glad to hear that "you are one of our people who see that it is best to divide our vote," and mentions the fact that Chairman Miller, of the Democratic state committee "spoke to me of you." He closes his letter with an appeal to Mr. Costen to do all he can for Miller, who is the Democratic candidate for auditor, and Judge Holt who is the "Blackberry Dimples" candidate of Col. McGraw's party for governor.

Mr. Costen's answer to this appeal will, no doubt, be somewhat in the nature of a surprise to Mr. Lewis, whom the Intelligencer is informed, is a lawyer, poor, but shrewd and struggling hard for a living. The glittering coin of Chairman Miller seems to have been too much for him, and he is now urging the members of his race to do that thing which they will forever regret if they are so foolish as to listen to his seductive pleadings. Lewis was badly misinformed as to Costen's attitude in the coming campaign, for he tells Mr. Lewis that he never had any intention of voting the Democratic ticket, or any part of it, and that he prefers "to help preserve in power a party that I know to be the party of labor and wages." His most convincing answer to Lewis' den-

is contained in these words: "I can see no object in any colored man voting the Democratic ticket unless it be from mercenary motives."

Mr. Costen then reads Mr. Lewis some lessons from the negro-hating policy of the Democracy, citing the action of the Democratic party in North and South Carolina and other southern states where the negro has been stripped of the elective franchise, and warns his correspondent of the fate of the negro in this state should the Democrats come into power.

It is strange that on the heels of a wild alarm inspired by the managers of the Democratic campaign committee in this state about "negro colonization" that efforts should be made by the state chairman to invite these same COLONIZED "Aberdeen Steers," as the Clarksburg News designates them, to support the Democratic ticket. More especially since this same chairman, who is the auditorial candidate on that ticket, was acclaimed, in the convention that nominated him, as an expert in discovering "one-legged niggers." The colored citizens should not fail to discern the scoundrelly tactics of Colonel McGraw's party. As Mr. Costen tells Mr. Lewis in his reply to that gentleman's letter: "Doubtless they (the Democrats) will talk very smoothly to us during the campaign for the sake of votes, but, if once more in power, what assurance have we that an 'anti-nigger' election law will not be enacted?"

That is the point. When Colonel McGraw's party did not hesitate to disfranchise white voters in 1898, what do you suppose that party will do to the negro if they regain control of the legislature? Every colored voter who casts his vote for the Democratic candidates in November simply puts a club into the hands of the West Virginia Democracy to beat the elective franchise out of his race. Will any portion of the colored race in this state be fooled by the pretended friendship of the Democratic schemers who are coddling them for their votes? We hope not, for if they will ill with them if they do. They should remember the words of Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, uttered on the floor of the United States senate, February 26, 1900:

WE HAD A HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND NEGROES OF VOTING AGE AND WE HAD A HUNDRED THOUSAND WHITES. NOW, CAN YOU BEAT THAT BY HONEST METHODS? YET YOU STOOD UP HERE AND INSISTED THAT WE MUST GIVE THESE PEOPLE A "FREE VOTE AND A FAIR COUNT." THEY HAD IT FOR EIGHT YEARS. . . . WE STUFFED BALLOT BOXES. WE SHOT THEM. WE ARE NOT ASHAMED OF IT. WITH THAT SYSTEM—FORCE, TISSUE BALLOTS, ETC.—WE GOT TIRED OURSELVES. SO WE CALLED A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION AND WE ELIMINATED, AS I SAID, ALL OF THE COLORED PEOPLE WHOM WE COULD UNDER THE FOURTEENTH AND FIFTEENTH AMENDMENTS.

Then they should remember what the Republican party has done for them, and give no heed to the pleadings of those members of their race who have disposed of their birthright for a miserable mess of pottage.

Would Make a Mess of It.

If Mr. Bryan should, by some accident, become President of the United States, the calamities that would follow would be something to make the people marvel. The Janus-faced candidate of the "Demo-Populists" is featuring his nonsensical bogle of "imperialism," when every sane man knows that such a thing is impossible, especially as long as the Republican party lives or has influence; but were it as bad as painted by the Democrats, what would follow by giving up the Philippines, hauling down the flag, and scuttling out of Luzon, ceasing to govern the Philippines without their consent and electing Bryan?

The eminent Apostle of Calamity admits that the first thing which would happen after his election would be a panic. He speaks of a panic as he would of a mild case of the mumps or measles, but he is eminently right for once—there would be a panic should he, as he claims he will do in case of election, immediately call an extra session of Congress for the purpose of scuttling out of the Philippines and handing the government over to the Filipinos. But at the same time he insists that the United States should protect them from foreign incursions or outside interference. Such a policy would involve this country in almost interminable brawls and perhaps bloody wars.

Mr. Bryan is the one man to-day responsible for the situation in the Philippines, although he now tries to hedge. What a pitiful mess he makes of it. Ex-Minister Denby most effectually exposes Bryan's trickery in his weak effort to harmonize his support of the Spanish treaty with his attack on the acquisition of the Philippines. He quotes Mr. Bryan's sentence, "I believe that we are in a better position to wage a successful contest against imperialism than we would have been had the treaty been rejected." Upon which the colonel says very justly, "He wanted to create the bogle of 'imperialism' in order that he might find and overcome the monster."

But even in this Bryan is not sincere. He is wedded to free silver, and his election would mean the destruction of the sound money policy that now obtains; his bogle of "imperialism" is simply a mask for his free silver fallacies, for, as Secretary Gage has pointed out, by an executive order we can have 16 to 1 without further legislation. In this event business would be paralyzed, industrial prostration would follow and

misery to the working masses would ensue.

The question for the people to decide is not what the Filipinos want, or governing them without their consent; it is the welfare of 80,000,000 of people at home rather than imperialism 10,000 miles away. The first duty of Americans is to take care of themselves. Imperialism may be bad, but Bryanism is worse; Bryanism strikes at the very foundation of the government, the prosperity of the country, the happiness of homes and business interests.

Jefferson and Lincoln.

The Demo-Populists are quite fond of referring to Jefferson and his attitude toward the constitution, and we would like such persons to read and digest the following extract from a letter written by him in 1810: "A strict observance of the written laws is doubtless one of the highest duties of a good citizen, but it is not the highest. The laws of necessity, of self-preservation, of saving our country when in danger, are of higher obligation. To lose our country by a scrupulous adherence to written law would be to lose the law itself, with life, liberty and prosperity, and all those who are enjoying them with us; thus absolutely sacrificing the end to the means."

The constitution being the written law of the country the point is obvious. The anti-imperialists have also taken up another sacred name and attempted to make him speak for them. We refer to President Lincoln. The Indianapolis Sentinel is particularly zealous in this respect, when it says:

"No more infamous slander could be conceived than the charge that Lincoln was an imperialist. Every word and every act of his heroic life stamps the charge with falsehood. He would have despised imperialism as un-American and immoral. He would never have governed a people against their consent."

Well, he did. What is the matter with the southern states in rebellion against the government? Were they governed with their consent? But to show how these changelings switch around we have only to quote what this same Indianapolis Sentinel said of Lincoln in the first Democratic anti-imperialist campaign back in the civil war: "Should Mr. Lincoln be re-elected the revolution will be accomplished. This will be no longer a republic of the United States, but a consolidated empire. We implore patriotic and intelligent men to pause and reflect and give their verdict on Tuesday next. If the people will not save their priceless constitution and Union, it is lost."

How can we reconcile these two expressions?

A Smoldering Fire.

It has been a great struggle for the leaders of the Kansas City platform following to keep from denouncing the exploits of the American army in China. One or two rabid anti-imperialists have expressed themselves in denunciatory terms of the enterprises of the administration in the orient. The Cincinnati Times-Star notices that "the mugwump press is, slowly, but surely, assuming a hostile pose toward the Chinese policy of the United States. Up to the present time the critics of the administration have been cranks and demagogues of a rabid but harmless type. Even that vicious McKinley hater, the New York Evening Post, is forced to admit: 'At present Mr. McKinley is acting well within the undoubted limits of his authority, and with commendable discretion.' But the moment the United States declares its position in the coming international powwow journalistic bedlam is sure to break loose. The Anglo-phobe is itching for the fray."

This will undoubtedly be the case, and the Democracy will oppose McKinley from pure, innate obstinacy. They will do this even in the face of the attitude of the government toward China expressed in a Washington telegram appearing in yesterday's papers as follows: "The United States is one of the first of the great powers to demonstrate its good faith in carrying out the provisions of the treaty of The Hague looking to the universal arbitration of international differences. Under this treaty each of the nations to it was authorized to appoint four members of an international board of arbitration. Under this authority President McKinley has requested ex-Presidents Harrison and Cleveland to accept appointments on this board. Responses are expected very soon when the remaining members may be selected."

The Demo-Populists will look upon this as some esoteric scheme for further conquest, although the names of Harrison and Cleveland are a guarantee of the good faith of the President's desire for peace and a speedy untangling of the deplorable situation in China.

"With very great moderation," says the New York Journal of Commerce, "Secretary Gage states the obvious truth that a silverite administration could put this country upon the silver basis without change of law. But if the country shall elect Mr. Bryan it will elect a silverite house of representatives and the silverites will secure enough seats in the senate to give them control there. To suppose that the country will have a silverite President and a sound money Congress, or even a sound money senate, is to cherish a delusion without an element of probability to rest upon."

In his Indianapolis speech of acceptance Mr. Bryan said: "I thought it safer to trust the American people to give independence to the Filipinos than to trust the accomplishment of that purpose to diplomacy with an unfriendly nation." At the time when he urged the ratification of the treaty of cession his argument was: "The rejection of the treaty would be compellable to assume the responsibility for the continuance of the war conditions, and for the risk which always attends negotiations with a hostile nation." Are there two Mr. Bryans?

Governor Pingree, of Michigan, has finally concluded to support President McKinley.

The President wants peace in China. The Democrats would be sorry to see it.

Here is what Edward M. Sheppard, a leading anti-imperialist of New York,

has to say: "If a panic be necessary to preserve our ideal of democratic self-government I should say it was a small price to pay."

The editor of the Hoot Owl is wrong in his reflections on the Intelligencer in regard to an article published in this paper entitled "Up Elk." It was original with the New York Sun.

Wheeling Pythians seem to have correlated a great deal of admiration up in Detroit.

The Grand Army of the Republic has the right of way in Chicago this week.

Champ Clark was chewed up by General Grosvenor at Mountain Lake Park.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

When you kiss some girls it rests you almost as much as getting a hair cut.

Men have no business to wear shirt waists till they wear shields and things the way the women do.

If a woman has nothing else to worry about she will worry because her husband worries about her.

A woman can use the word "splendid" so it will do to describe a sermon, a patent medicine, a sunset or a piece of huckleberry pie.

There is nothing like a set of new parlor curtains to make a woman feel sure her husband is smoking entirely too much for his own good.

Every old maid's heart has a sign, "To Let."

When a woman tries to be equal to man she makes herself unequal to woman.

The great advantage in understanding a woman is not having to pretend you do.

It's a funny thing that though you often see a sad-looking woman you never see a sad-looking cow.

You always get the worst of it with a woman. Whichever side of a bonfire you stand the smoke blows in your eyes.—New York Press.

Jim's Out of Politics.

James H. May, one of the Democratic wheelhorses of Washington district, dropped in this week to subscribe for the Herald, and remarked in the course of a conversation that he had hung his political gait on the other post for good and all.—Jackson Herald.

Fitting Indorsement.

Milwaukee Sentinel: As an evidence of good faith the advocates of Bryanism ought to obtain Aguinaldo's indorsement of free government as established by the North Carolina Democrats.

Visit From Pancake.

Mr. Garrett Pancake, of near Romney, visited his uncle, Mr. Silas Blackman, at Bretz, this week.—Tucker Herald.

STATE PRESS GLEANINGS.

Some one has remarked that the time is coming when there will be but one job open for the boy who smokes cigarettes. That will be to kill potato bugs with his breath. Nobody wants him any nearer than the potato field.—Point Pleasant Gazette.

Squire Lipscomb says that he has been slandered. It appears that Jeff Lipscomb, the sage of Tucker, in order to conceal his identity while at the Republican congressional convention some time ago, and thus escape the ovation the Preston buckwhateers were planning to give him, declared that he was not "Jeff," but "Vandy," the champion eater of the state of Tucker. "Vandy" says he is not kicking on the ramps, but insists that Jeff is not as handsome as he is, hence the action for damages to his injured beauty.—Tucker County Herald.

McGraw's Charleston Gazette seems to have had a subduing effect upon the Wheeling Register. For which let us give thanks.—Huntington Herald.

Mr. Rider, the Republican candidate for prosecuting attorney of Braxton county, will ride through with a pace this fall on the strength of the tariff on lumber, which has brought many dollars to Braxton county Democrats. This with the many other good acts of the McKinley administration, is bursting up the big Bryan majorities in many Democratic strongholds.—Hoot Owl.

What Lincoln accomplished for the black man, McKinley is doing for the brown man, and as the African has erected monuments to the memory of their great emancipator, the Filipino when he returns to his work, accomplished for him will build monuments to the memory of his liberator.—Oil Region News.

Hon. A. B. White, the next governor of West Virginia, skinned, skunked, swallowed and speared out the "sunless and shoreless" John Blackberry Dumping Holt, out in Nicholas county some days since to the queen's taste, and there were none left to mourn, not one.—Roane Record.

Growing Old.

A little more gray in the lessening hair
Each day as the years go by;
A little more stooping of the form,
A little more dim of the eye,
A little more faltering of the step
As we wander life's pathway o'er,
But a little nearer every day
To the ones who have gone before.A little more halting of the gait,
And a dullness of the ear;
A growing weariness of the frame
With each swift passing year,
A fading of hopes, and ambitions, too,
A little further from the goal,
But a little nearer every day
To a sweet and peaceful rest.A little more loneliness in life
As the dear ones pass away;
A bleaker claim on the heavenly land
With every passing day,
A little further from toil and care,
A little less way to roam;
A drawing near to a peaceful voyage
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—Arthur J. Burdick in Los Angeles Herald.Deafness Can Not be Cured
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